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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

24. (Once amended) An ink supply passage structure according to claim 20, further comprising:

a filter located opposite said axial terminus of the second ink supply path.

26. (Once amended) An ink supply passage structure according to claim 20, wherein a plurality of grooves are arranged along an inner circumference of the second ink supply path so